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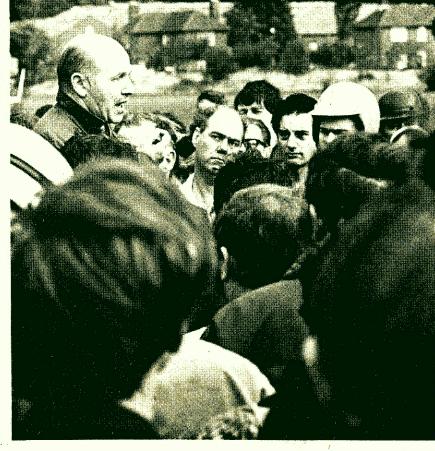
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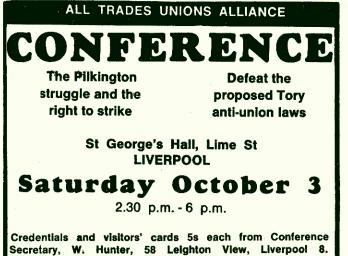
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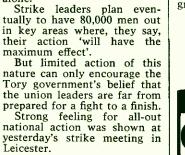
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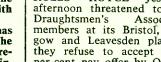
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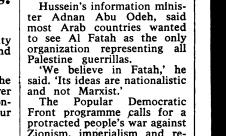
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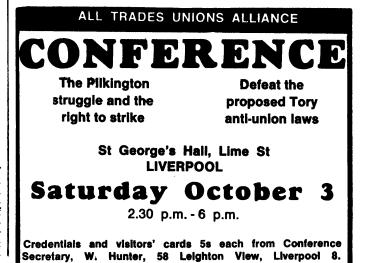
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WORKERS PRESS

LEADER OF THE SACKED PILKINGTON GLASSWORKERS

VICTOR FEATHER—in the interview published in Workers Press seven days ago-says he doesn't think there's anything he can do about what's happened at Pilkington's at this stage; he says he's not responsible.

This is just not good enough.

Leaving aside for the moment the inaccuracies in what he told Stephen Johns, there are crucial issues of principle -directly affecting the lives of millions of trade unionists -at stake in the events at St Helens and Pontypool.

These concern the two most basic and fundamental rights of the working class: the right to a job and the right to strike.

In both cases the Tory government is unmistakably on the attack after only three months in office and if the leadership of the trade union movement can't answer this attack, then every rank-and-file member of every single trade union must wake up to one very simple proposition; he'll have to organize to build a new leadership which can defend these rights.

More than 600 men were sacked by Pilkington's - and between 230 and 250 at St Helens and 27 at Pontypool remain without work. How are trade union leaders going to get the 600,000 unemployed off the dole queues if they can't defend the jobs of 270odd glassworkers?

We in St Helens were sacked for withdrawing our labour in defence of a fellowworker who wanted to be represented in a complaint by someone of his own choosing -not by someone the management, the people he was complaining against, endorsed.

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At Pontypool, which had struck in sympathy with St Helens, the men were sacked for refusing to return to work while we were still out.

In fact what's happened at both towns is that we've been staked out on the barbed wire as an advertisement against going on strike. At first, we thought this was something special to Pilkington's. But recent events have shown it's starting to happen all over the country.

Doesn't Feather think this warrants some action? What is he arguing with the government about anti-union legislation for if they're already allowing employers to get away with this kind of attack



GERRY CAUGHEY REPLIES TO VICTOR FEATHER

TUC GENERAL SECRETARY

ending of the seven-week strike—and that, even if he did, it was only a matter of countersigning an agreement to which he was not a party.

In fact everyone at that meeting — Feather, Lord Cooper of the General and to the meeting which ended the strike — that he would chair the meeting.

He had a role to play, as every chairman has a role to play. Our interpretation was that as chairman-and as general secretary of the Trades

We ended the strike on the understanding that this meeting would take place and see justice done.

We wanted to make sure the voice of the shop floor would be heard on questions affecting their livelihoods; we were

tion. But I was immediately victimized — along with many others of the rank-and-file committee—when I got back to the factory. *

I had been working on

new starter and told by management that I couldn't take up my old job. I lost about £7 week as a result of this-and the settlement was only

This happened to a lot of us in the rank-and-file movement.

the people they wanted elected as branch secretary and works convenors wouldn't get in.

> In other words we were denied proper representation. How can you work within the machinery of the union, as Feather asks us to do, when this happens

> > No doubt he'll deny this

now. But when we told him we

couldn't get the representation

people wanted, he was simply

unable to answer. I challenge

him and Cooper to argue all

this out-anytime, anywhere.

He says he's not criticizing

anyone. But he was the chair-

man, it is his job to criticize.

Some of the Pontypool men

went along for a face-to-face

confrontation with Cooper,

and there were about 12 of the

St Helens committee.

the union for the day's pay we lost. And half the train fare was paid by the TUC-still leaving us about £30 down. Some of us ended up having to sleep down in the park until we could get a train back the next morning.

Feather is just adopting the traditional attitude of the trade union establishment. When the rank and file are attempting to break through he takes the side of the official set-up every time.

But if he was really concerned about the shop-floor workers of this country-who are being let down every day by their official leaders - he would take responsibility.



JOHN POTTER

If 250 men can be victimized without a squeak of opposition from the G&MWU then it's time their affairs were investigated-and, as general secretary of the TUC, that's Feather's job.

He should be using his influ-ence on the TUC General Council to bring pressure to bear from other unions to change this situation.

But he hides behind procedure because he can't afford to antagonize the established leadership of a union like the G&MWU.

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What we're fighting for is reinstatement of all those men who have been sacked by Pilkington's-and remember, all the Pontypool lads are still members of the G&MWU. There are members of the G&MWU at St Helens who've been re-employed by the company but have lost all their rights under the pension scheme, the Redundancy Payments Act and the Contracts of Employment Act. What are Cooper and Feather doing about this?

We came out for a basic trade union principle-after exhausting every possible channel of procedure. Feather is supposed to be leader of the entire trade union movement. If he can't take responsibility for that, just what is he there for?

on the right to strike?

Really, the only thing I agree with Feather on in his interview in the Workers Press is that he doesn't work at Pilkington's.

He says he didn't sign the agreement made at Congress House on May 22 after the

of the TUC centenary book for us at the same time!

It was made clear in a telegram we received from Congress House—the one we read

Municipal Workers' and my-Union Congress-he would see self-initialled the agreement. that the agreements made at Feather even initialled a copy the meeting were upheld.

Stalinist calls for

We put our trust in him. If he was not going to be a party, why did he chair the meeting? Why didn't Harry Pilk-ington chair it?--we'd have been as well, as it turned out!

elected to ensure this.

The General and Municipal Workers' Union had forgotten what it was formed for. The rank and file had become just pawns in a power game.

It was agreed at that first Congress House meeting that there would be no victimiza-

machine-cutting screens, a job I'd done for about seven-and-a-half years, with bonus and shift supplement, about £25 for a 50-hour week-you couldn't manage at all without overtime.

When I got back I was sent to training school as if I was a

role vanishes with the introduction of automated techtary. niques, and explains:

. . . the traditional meeting ground for the determining of wages has moved from the shop floor to the finance departments and, therefore, the shop stewards must move with it.

A CALL for the negotia-tion of profit-sharing with the employers has been made twice recently in Communist Party publi-So, the shop steward ends up in the manager's offices along with the work-study consultants and job-planners!

At a time when the government and employers are preparing an all-out war on jobs wages and trade union rights, proposals by the employers to introduce 'workers' representatives' into board meetings, to incorporate shop stewards into management and to set up 'separate' productivity committees constitute an extreme danger to the working class.

First steps

towards the concepts enforced by the fascists of destroying all workers own organizations and totally subordinating all employees to the production process and management con-

Demands like those of Spence-and those of the socalled Institute for Workers' Control-lead, in this situation to the corporate state, and not reforms, which the capitalists can no longer afford.

Socialists call for the elimination of production for profit entirely, not for the improvement of profits.

The answer to automation that is introduced and to the crisis and stagnation of the forces of production is nationalization under workers' control to take the machines out of the hands of parasites and

He says their traditional sharks.

It was a campaign to humiliate us on the shop floor. That was victimization-the agreement wasn't worth the paper it was written on; it was broken before the ink was dry.

Pontypool speaks for itself. Those 27 men are still on the stones. Although the Congress House meeting—the first one, that is — wasn't attended by any of the rank-and-filers from there, it was attended by the local G&MWU branch secre-

Jack Cooper told him to get these men either reinstated or re-employed. But it was really all cut and dried. He just asked for re-employment and then accepted the company's statement that there were no vacancies.

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A couple of weeks after this, when we could see the victimization taking place and nothing being done about it by the union, despite the agreement, we asked for another meeting. Feather agreed to chair a second meeting and invited Cooper-who agreed to attend on the understanding that we would stop attacking the union.

We in fact ceased any such attacks for about a fortnight before the meeting.

We travelled 200 miles, at a cost of about £70, to attend but Cooper never showed up. A quarter of an hour after we got there—it must have been 6.45 p.m. — Feather came in. Cooper had telephoned that he would not be coming because our attacks on the union had continued.

This was just not true. Cooper was using the fact that people were coming to us with votes of no confidence in their shop stewards --- they wanted new shop stewards and new Joint Industrial Council members elected.

The answer from the officials was that we couldn't have new elections until the inquiry into the St Helens No 91 branch — set up in an attempt to counter criticisms which had arisen during the strike-was completed.

What they were worried about was that we would occupy all the posts and that

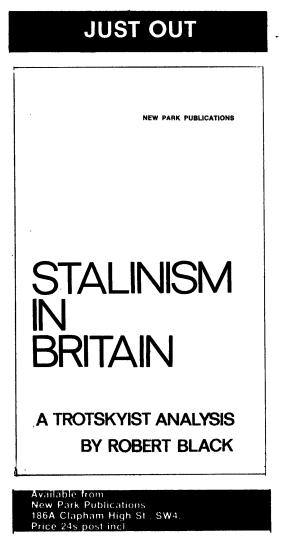
I attacked Feather for We were still inside the accepting Cooper's reason for G&MWU at the time of the not attending without proof. second Congress House meet-He had given John Potter and ing. We hadn't yet formed the myself advice — but only to Glass and General Workers' make the union collect dues on Union. In fact we hadn't even the shop floor, instead of havgiven Pilkington's our coning the check-off system. tracting-out forms until then.

> I think it was that second Congress House meeting that decided us. Of course it was a provocation.

If Feather says there's nothing he can do-he doesn't think there's anything that can be done-then he's accepting that workers can be sacked for withdrawing their labour.

He told Stephen Johns that Tory Employment and Productivity Minister Robert Carr has two hats. If he doesn't change his tune, there are a lot of people in St Helens who'll go on saying he's got two faces.

But we couldn't get paid by



contained an article by Alan Spence which explained that resistance to productivity deals only modified and did not provide a receipt or solution to the main problem—which was automation.

Held back

August's 'Marxism Today'

cations.

He saw the present struggle being held back because wages are now tied to production.

'The only way is to negotiate the division of profits', he comments. In this situation Measured-Day Work becomes bargaining counter, i.e. 'equally central to the working-class struggle must be the agement and board meetings'.

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BY BERNARD FRANKS rejection of Measured-Day Work until alternative means are enforced for the maintenance and improvement of the wages of the production work-

ers.' (Spence's own emphasis.) 'Until this practice is established as a right,' he adds, 'a

policy of one man, one machine must be operated.' Presumably, it is all right to

sharing is in. Again, in last week's issue 'Comment' the Stalinist of weekly, Spence demands a division of profits along with 'trade union ovservers at man-

have themselves not advanced. Many managements have attempted to trap their employees in a mass of classcollaborationist, profit-sharing double talk in an attempt to get them to become enthusias-

tic about making profits-even to the extent of planning to speed themselves up.

In many cases these schemes have been exposed by the workers themselves as being another way of retaining part of the workers' wages to swell the firm's own interest at the bank and to re-invest in the company

All this was exposed during the 1930s when John Lewis Partnerships' were launched. It was a measure taken to prevent the trade unions from getting a footing in the firm.

When it came to the payoff, the workers who had accepted it found that they were only to get a tiny per-centage of the profits as against the large handouts for the shareholders.

It was difficult for them to break from the scheme because withdrawal meant the loss of their jobs. The 'Daily

Worker' of that time exposed In fact, Spence calls for nothing that the employers the scheme in detail. At present some industrial relations consultants are talking in terms of profit-sharing systems to complement the

introduction of modern equipment. They know that automation

will mean a chance to bring about huge reductions in the labour forces (a fact nowhere mentioned by Spence), and they are looking for any way

Of course, in this situation the 'profits' from which the remaining workers are paid bonuses are really the savings in wages made by sacking

hundreds of workers. Certainly, industries with rapidly-falling profits will not mind 'opening the books' to prove there's nothing to share' anyway.

And many of these are the most up-to-date, highly-automated industries of all.

(A recent 'Sunday Times' report listed industries in need of government aid as aircraft,

computers, atomic energy, micro-electronics and lasers.) Spence also proposes a new

job for shop stewards.

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SATURDAY

BBC 1

11.40 a.m. Time machines. 12.40 p.m. Weather. 12.45 Grandstand. 12.50 Football preview. 1.10, 1.40 Boxing. Fight of the week. 1.20, 1.50, 2.20, 3.20 Racing from Chepstow. 2.10, 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 Motor racing. 4.05 Rugby Union. The Centenary Match. England and Wales v Scotland and Ireland. 2.55 Preview and review of Rugby Union's centenary year. 4.55 Results service. 5.15 Pink Panther show. 5.35 News and weather. 5.45 Here's Lucy.

- 6.10 SHOW OF THE NORTH. Musical entertainment.
- 6.40 HIGH ADVENTURE. 'Prince Valiant'. With Robert Wagner, James Mason, Janet Leigh and Debra Paget. Prince Valiant travels to Camelot to ask King Arthur's help. 8.15 THE HARRY SECOMBE SHOW.
- 9.00 BEN TRAVERS FARCES. Richard Briers and Arthur Lowe in 'Turkey Time'.
- 9.50 NEWS and weather.
- 10.05 MATCH OF THE DAY.
- 11.05 SOMEWHERE UP THERE. Late-night entertainment from the North.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC 1 except: Midlands, E Anglia, North, NE, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland, SW. South, West: 11.42 Weather. Wales: 11.20-11.40 Cadi ha. 5.45-6.10 Iris, 10.45-11.05 Match of the day. Iris. 10.45-11. 11.42 Weather.

YORKSHIRE: 11.35 Better driving. 12 noon Training the family dog. 12.20 Phoenix five. 12.45, London. 5.15 Gunsmoke. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crow-ther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 'Dentist on the Job'. With Bob Monkhouse, Kenneth Con-nor, Shirley Eaton and Eric Barker. An inept dental graduate is taken on to advertise a firm's failing tooth paste. 9.00 London. 10.10 This is ... Tom Jones. 11.10 Human jungle. Scotland: 5.00-5.20 Sportsreel. 5.45-6.10 Mod 70. 10.05 Sportsreel. 10.35-11.05 Monty Python's flying circus. 11.42 News, weather. N Ireland: 5.05-5.20 Sports results and news. 11.05-11.30 Sports final. 11.50 News, weather.

game. 12.35 Reflection.

11.10 Frost, weather.

ATV MIDLANDS: 12.15 Joe 90. 12.45 London. 5.10 No, that's me over here. 5.40 Legend of Jesse James. 6.10 Lon-don. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 Your stars tomorrow. 7.03 Film: 'runny Face'. With Audrey Hepburn and Fred Astaire. Musical about a photographer who persuades a sales-girl to go to Paris to be a fashion model. 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Frost, weather.

ULSTER: 12.30 Wind in the willows. 12.45 London. 5.10 Flipper. 5.40 Sports-cast. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that'e me over here. 7.30 Film: 'Shoot Out At Medicine Bend'. With Randolph Scott, James Garner. Indian war veterans hunt a man responsible for murder. 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre, 11.10 Frost.

TYNE TEES: 12.15 Joe 90. 12.45 Lon-don. 5.15 Bonanza: 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 Film: 'The Gambler from Natchez'. With Dale Robertson and Debra Paget. 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Frost. 12.10 Summer is over.

SOUTHERN: 12.17 Weather. 12.20 Mr Piper. 12.45 London. 5.15 Cowboy in Africa. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 Film: 'A Bullet for Joey'. With Edward G. Robinson and George Raft. Gangster film. 8.30 No, that's me over here. 9.00 London. 11.10 News. 11.20 Name of the game. 12.45 Weather. Action 70.

BBC 2

GRANADA: 11.50 Spiderman. 12.15 Stingray. 12.45 London. 5.10 Greatest show on earth. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther'sin town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 Tough guys: "the Ballad of Andy Crocker'. With Lee Majors and Joey Heatherton. Story of a Vietnam veteran disillusioned with civilian life. 8.50 Cartoon. 9.00 London, 10.10 For adults only. "Bitter Harvest'. With Janet Munro and John Stride. A young Welsh girl is dazzled by the bright light of London. 3.00-4.25 p.m. Cinema: 'Conflict of Wings'. With John Gregson and Muriel Pavlow. A group of villagers fight an RAF proposal to make a target range out of a local bird sanctuary.

- 7.30 NEWS, SPORT and weather.
- 7.45 DISCO 2.
- 8.15 RUGBY SPECIAL. 1871-1971.RFU centenary year series. The Centenary Match. England and Wales v Scotland and Ireland. 9.00 'WE WERE CAESARS. . . .' Documentary about the Hudson's
- Bay Company 9.50 THE TENANT OF WILDFELL HALL. 'Pursuit'.
- 10.35 ROWAN AND MARTIN'S LAUGH IN.
- 11.25 NEWS ON 2 and weather.
- 11.30 MIDNIGHT MOVIE. 'The Tarnished Angels'. With Rock Hudson, Robert Stack and Dorothy Malone. Three members of a spectacular aerial act don't get along as well on the ground as they do in the air.

ITV

BORDER: 11.50 All our yesterdays. 12.20 Phoenix five. 12.45 London. 5.10 Big valley. 6.05 London. 6.15 Crow-ther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 Movie: "Foreign Ex-change". With Sebastian Cabot, Robert Horton and Jill St John. A former British agent is blackmailed back into the dangerous business of espion-age. 9.00 London. 10.10 This is . . . Tom Jones. 11.10 On the house. 11.40 Love, American style. 11.25 a.m. RAC road report. 11.30 Music room. 11.55 Toolbox. 12.20 p.m. Stingray. 12.45 News from ITN. 12.50 World of sport. 12.55 On the ball. 1.20 International sports special. The All Ireland Gaelic football final. 2.10 They're off! 2.20, 3.00, 3.35 Racing from Newmarket. 2.45, 3.15, 3.45 Racing from Windsor. 3.50 Results, scores, news. 4.00 SCOTTISH: 12.25 Peter. 12.30 Wind in the willows. 12.45 London. 5.15 Richard the Lionheart. 5.40 Sky's the limit. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 Movie: 'Sword of Sherwood Forest'. With Richard Greene and JP2zfilGPY Peter Cushing. 9.00 London. 10.10 This is . . Tom Jones. 11.10 Match report. 11.25 Late call. 11.30 Film: 'Son of Frankenstein'. With Boris Karloff and Basil Rathbone. They're off! Racing from Newmarket. 4.10 Wrestling from Halifax.

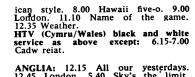
- 4.55 Results service. 5.10 Stewpot. 5.40 Forest rangers.
- 6.10 NEWS FROM ITN.
- 6.15 THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES. 'Clampett Castle'. 6.45 NO, THAT'S ME OVER HERE. With Ronnie Corbett.
- 7.15 CROWTHER'S IN TOWN. With Leslie Crowther.
- 8.00 HAWAII FIVE-O. 'Most Likely to Murder'.
- 9.00 FRAUD SQUAD. 'To Pay Paul'.
- 10.00 NEWS FROM ITN.
- 10.10 THE FROST PROGRAMME. David Frost.
- 11.10 AQUARIUS. 'The Black and Black Ministrels'.
- 11.55 FATHER D'ARCY'S FRIENDS AND CONTEMPORARIES.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 12.45 London, 5.15 Road West, 6.10 London, 6.15 Crowther's in town, 7.00 No, that's me over here, 7.30 Film: 'Watch Your Stern'. With Kenneth Connor and Leslie Phillips, 9.00 London, 10.10 Theatre, 11.10 Frost, 12 midnight Weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 12.05 Faith for life, 12.10 Weather.

HARLECH: 12.15 Skippy. 12.45 Lon-don. 5.10 No, that's me over here. 5.40 Sky's the limit. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 Love, Amer-



ANGLIA: 12.15 All our yesterdays. 12.45 London. 5.40 Sky's the limit. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No. that's me over here. 7.30 'The Sharkfighters'. With Victor Mature and Karen Steele. A team of experts tries to find a shark repellent. 9.00 London. 11.10 Name of the

GRAMPIAN: 12.30 Wind in the willows. 12.45 London. 5.15 Laredo. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 Movie: **'Red Mountain'**. With Alan Ladd, Lizabeth Scott, Arthur Kennedy and John Ireland. The American Civil War is drawing to a close but Southern hopes are still pinned on guerrilla raiders. 9.00 London. 10.10 This is . . Tom Jones. 11.05 Match report. 11.25 Untouchables.

SUNDAY

BBC 1

9.00-9.30 a.m. Nai zindagi-naya jeevan. 10.30-11.30 Parish mass. student is interested in the house master's wife. 10.00 London. 12.10



AT THREE in the morning of September 19 a young Greek student, Costantino Georgakis, poured petrol over his clothes and set himself alight in Matteotti Square, in the centre of

Genova.

The only witnesses, four street cleaners, heard him: shout 'Long live free Greece!'.

They put out the flames and rushed him to hospital, but he was terribly burned and died. later the same day.

His death was to reveal the existence of a widespread network of spies and provocateurs of the Greek colonels at work in Italy, with the connivance of the Italian police, NATO, and the main Italian fascist party, the MSI.

Costantino Georgakis was a native of the Greek island of Corfu, lying between the Greek mainland and Italy.

Magazine

Before the colonels' coup he wrote for a student magazine, which was then banned by the military regime.

Three years ago he left Corfu for Genova-one of the main centres of resistance to Italian fascism-where he found a job with an insurance firm and resumed his studies in geology.

On the day before he died he received an express letter from Athens-which was read by a number of his friends among the other Greeks exiled in Genova, but after his death could not be found. It was an official order to return to Greece for military service.

Costantino left in his room a farewell letter to his father -a tailor-which said in part:

'After three years of violence I can no longer go on. I don't want to make you run risks on my behalf, and I cannot do less than act and think as a free person . . . Long live democracy ! Down with the tyrants! Our country, which gave birth to freedom, will abolish tyranny! Pardon me if vou can.

The following day the Italian press published extracts of an article he had written for a Greek anti-fascist magazine, 'Sigla a'.

In it he wrote of the exist-

ence of the Greek spies in NATO and the police and their helpers and the threats made against Greek exiles and their families at home.

Despite the precautions taken by the editors of 'Sigla a', the text of the article and its authorship had become known to the Greek consulate in Rome.

Costantino's friends in Genova were emphatic that his suicide followed on the leaking of this article and subsequent threats by the Greek regime to victimize his family if he refused to return. The events which followed confirmed their statements.

The only relative to come for the funeral was his father. Everywhere he went he was accompanied by Greek diplomatic officials, in particular one Giorgio Niakas,

He never spoke to the press face-to-face, but made a statement over the telephone from the Greek consulate to the Italian news agency ANSA.

In it he denied that any pressure had been put on his son and claimed the suicide letter made him 'suspect that Costantino had been the vic-

mortuary to pay their respects, tim of a method of political exploitation'. According to ANSA staff he interrupted the statement to say, aside, 'But what is written

here? What are you making me do?' He also requested that his son should be buried in private, immediately.

But the Greek anti-fascist organization set a guard in the mortuary where his body was lying and organized a mass demonstration to commemor-

they found a photographer by Costantino's body, who took individual flash photos of them. When challenged, he claimed

to be an ANSA employee, but refused to show any credentials and rapidly departed. He was later identified as a plainclothes policeman.

Details

ate him and oppose the Greek

The father was forced

When, on the day before the

funeral (September 23) a group

of Greek students came to the

through his humiliating paces

by the fact that the rest of his

family were still in Corfu.

dictatorship.

These damning details, which the Italian capitalist press did not have the impudence to conceal completely, were not broadcast by the (state-controlled) Italian radio and TV.

One good reason may be that Italian TV transmissions can easily be picked up in Corfu.

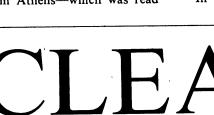
As Greek left-wing students warned newsmen at a press conference after the funeral:

'Tomorrow you could be put in jail by the same forces that are strangling Greece. Why do you not write about NATO, the CIA, the Prometheus plan (the US-devised computerorganized plan of operations which the colonels used to take "power in Greece), of Nixon, who is about to visit your country.

(The same Nixon has just resumed sales of heavy armaments to the Greek regime.)



Colonels' victim



THERE WAS wailing and gnashing of teeth in the editorial offices of Moscow and Leningrad last week.

On orders from the highest circles a massive purge of journalists, editors and radio and TV writers has been carried out during the last week, shifting hundreds of

of well-upholstered arm-

chairs.

Within the last few months the 'heads of the state radio

have been replaced. Removed

and television, and the TASS

and Novosti news agencies

In radio and television 1,200 figures have been lesser removed, and in the Novosti organization over 300 have been shown the door. In April of this year there was a tumultuous reshufle of the

Which is easy enough, to understand.

> In a profession where the incompetence have been lacktwo worst sins are precision ing-'ideological leaders' have recently been hauled over the and honesty, human material coals for attributing to Lenin is bound to degenerate at an alarming rate. Apparently routine wielding of the blue passages in fact penned by the pencil and complaint scribbling of the lies required by the latest contortion of Kremlin policy have reduced many of these 'gentlemen of the press' to little better than disappoint readers who may literate vegetables.

1.25-1.50 p.m. Farming. 1.55 Education programme. 2.20 Made in Britain. 2.29 News headlines. 2.30 Personal choice. Michael Charlton talks to Albert Speer-associate of Hitler. 3.00 Film for the family 'The Tender Years'. With Joe E. Brown. 4.20 Asterix the Gaul. 4.30 Golden silents. 4.55 Going for a song. 5.20 Europe's richest race. Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe. 5.40 The black tulip.

6.05 NEWS and weather.

- 6.15 MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE asks the question why.
- 6.50 SING A NEW SONG. With Cliff Richard and the Settlers.
- 7.25 DR FINLAY'S CASEBOOK. 'The Builders'.
- 8.15 ON TRIAL. 'The Chicago conspiracy trial—USA v David T. Dellinger and others'. A reconstruction of the trial.
- 9.10 NEWS and weather.
- 9.25 ON TRIAL. Part two. 10 50 AD LIB

11.20 Weather.

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REGIONAL BBC

All regionsas BBC 1 except:

4.00-4.20 Transworld top team. 6.15-6.50 Dere, fy mab. 11.22 Weather. Scotland: 1.25-1.50 Farm forum. 2.30-3.00 The newest university, 6.50-7.25 Songs of praise. 11.22 News, weather the statement of the stat Midlands, E Anglia, North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland, SW, South, West: 11.22 Weather. Wales: 10.00-11.00 Oedfa'r bore. 1.25-1.50 Farming in Wales. 2.30-3.15 The doctors. 3.15-4.00 Rugby Union. weather. N Ireland: 1.25-1.50 Farming. 11.22

BBC2

7.00 p.m. NEWS REVIEW and weather.

- 7.25 THE WORLD ABOUT US. From Amazon to Orinoco by Hovercraft
- 8.15 'MEET ME TONIGHT'. Film version of three playlets by Noel Coward with Valerie Hobson, Stanley Holloway and Nigel Patrick
- 9.35 OH IN COLOUR. With Spike Milligan.
- 10.05 THE ROADS TO FREEDOM. By Jean Paul Sartre. The Age of Reason. '15 June 1938---Evening'.
- 10.50 NEWS ON 2 and weather.
- 10.55 MUSIC ON 2. Osterley Park House-music and architecture. 11.30 FILM NIGHT.

ITV

11.00 a.m. Church service. 12.10 p.m. On reflection. 12.35 Music room. 1.00 Toolbox. 1.30 Wind in the willows. 1.45 All our yesterdays. 2.15 Survival. 2.45 The big match. 3.45 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 4.45 The golden shot. 5.35 The Flaxton boys. 6.05 NEWS.

- 6.15 BEYOND BELIEF.
- 6.35 QUESTIONS OF VALUE.
- 7.00 STARS ON SUNDAY.
- 7.25 PLEASE SIR! 'Knick Knack, Taffy Whack!'.
- 7.55 'TOPKAPI'. With Melina Mercouri, Maximilian Schell, Peter Ustinov and Robert Morley. Elizabeth Lipp is determined to steal a priceless dagger.

10.00 NEWS.

- 10.15 BIG BROTHER. 'A Touch of the Jumbos'.
- 11.15 THIS IS . . . TOM JONES. With the Ace Trucking Company, Robert Goulet, Lulu, Kenny Rogers and The First Edition. 12.10 FATHER D'ARCY'S FRIENDS AND CONTEMPORARIES.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 11.00-12.35 London. 2.13 Weather. 2.15 Big match. 3.10 Voyage to the bottom of the sea. 4.05 Car-toontime. 4.35 Date with Danton. 4.45 London. 5.35 Flaxton boys. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: **Trial**?. With Glenn Ford and Dorothy McGuire. 10.15 This is . . . Tom Jones. 11.15 Avengers. 12.05 Epilogue. Margaret Leighton. Scotland Yard is baffled by a series of robberies. 4.45 London, 7.55 Screen: 'None But the Brave', With Frank Sinatra and Clint Walker. War film. 10.00 London. 12.10

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.45 Farm and country news. 1.55 Acres for profit. 12.05 Faith for life. 12.10 Weather. HARLECH: 11.00-1.25 London. 2.15 Big match. 3.15 Matinee: 'Calling Bulldog Drummond'. With Walter Pidgeon and Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.30 Mr Piper. 1.45 London. 2.15 Star soccer. 3.15 'Veils of Baghad'. With Victor Mature and Mari Blan-chard. A soldier challenges the rule of a barbaric emperor in the 15th century Ottoman Empire. 4.43 Your stars tomorrow. 4.45 London. 5.35 Forest rangers. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: 'The Saboteur'. With Marlon Brando, Yul Brynner and Trevor Howard. A wealthy German pacifist is sent by British intelligence to inter-cept a cargo of rubber during Second World War. 10.00 London. 10.15 This is ... Tom Jones. 11.15 Saint, weather.

ULSTER: 12.10-1.30 London. 2.15 Survival. 2.45 London. 3.45 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 4.45 London. 7.55 Movie: 'Occams 11'. With Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. Comedy thriller about a plot to lift the entire Christmas takings from Las Vegas' five biggest casinos, 10.00 London, 10.15 This is . . . Tom Jones. 11.15 Prisoner.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-1.30 London. 1.35 Calendar. 1.55 Farming diary. 2.25 Soccer. 3.20 'The Radio Cab Murder'. With Jimmy Hanley, Lana Morris. An ex-convict agrees to help the police track down an organization. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'Topkapi'. With Melina Mercouri, Maximilian Schell, Peter Ustinov and Robert Morley, Elizabeth Lipp is determined to steal a priceless dagger from the Topkapi Museum. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost. 12.15 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.00-12 noon London. 12.10 London. 1.25 All our yesterdays, 1.55 Flipper. 2.20 Football. 3.20 Quentin Durgens. 4.15 Survival. 4.40 London. 7.55 Hollywood: 'The Forsyte Saga'. With Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon, Errol Flynn, Janet Leigh and Robert Young. Soames Forsyte prides himself on getting everything he wants. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost.

TYNE TEES: 11.00 London. 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.55 Farming outlook. 2.25 Shoot. 3.20 Champions. 4.15 Stewpot. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: "The Prodigal'. With Lana Turner and Edmund Purdom. 10.00 London. 10.15 This is . . . Tom Jones. 11.15 Chal-lenge. 12 midnight Two poems.

BORDER: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.50 Diary. 1.55 Farming outlook. 2.20 Soccer. 3.20 Saint. 4.15 Making whoope. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'Seven Days In May'. With Burt Lan-caster, Kirk Douglas, Fredric March and Ava Gardner. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost. 12.15 Epilogue.

SCOTTISH: 12.10-1.25 London. 1.45 London. 2.15-2.45 Farm progress. 3.45 Gazette. 4.45 London. 7.55 Men of the west. 'Escape from Fort Bravo', With William Holden, Eleanor Parker, John Forsythe and Polly Bergen. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost. 12.05 Late call.

SOUTHERN: 11.00-12.05 London, 12.07 SOUTHERN: 11.00-12.05 London. 12.07 Weather. 12.10 London. 1.30 Sara and Hoppity. 1.45 London. 2.15 Farm progress. 2.45 London. 3.45 Seaway. 4.35 News. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: **'The Valiant'**. With John Mills, Ettore Manni and Robert Shaw. Second World War film. 9.30 If it moves, file it. 10.00 London. 12.10 Weather. Action 70.

GRAMPIAN: 12.10-1.25 London. 1.45 London. 2.15 Farm progress. 2.45 Movie: 'A Pair of Briefs'. With Michael Craig and Mary Peach. Story about two barristers who work for the same firm. 4.10 Stewpot. 4.40 Lon-don. 7.55 Cinema: 'My Son John'. With Robert Walker, Van Heflin and Helen Hayes. A mother nearly loses her mind when her son is accused of treason. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost. 12.10 Epilogue. HTV (Wales) colour channel 61 and HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 12.10 Dan sylw. 1.00 Sel a'i sylwedd. ANGLIA: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.55 Weather. 2.00 Farming diary. 2.30 Jokers wild. 3.00 Randall and Hop-kirk (deceased). 3.55 Match of the week. 4.40 London. 7.55 "Tea and Sympathy". With Deborah Kerr, John Kerr and Lief Erickson. A misfit

state committees for radio, TV discreet and hypocritical and the press. rumps from an equal number

The wind of change is not directly political, but blows in the interests of 'efficiency'.

To which must be added the fact that in an industry where the essential skill is knowing what not to say, there is naturally an in-built

be the prelude to glittering indiscretions from the Stalinist lie machine — news of the purge has come only from French journalists in Moscow.

tendency to overmanning.

German revisionists!

Not that examples of gross

Obliged

We are obliged, though, to

A LAWSUIT alleging misuse

peak demand periods.

The water heaters are divided

into two compartments.

Supplies to the lower compartment are automatically switched off by a radio

signal from any one of the

firm's ten transmitters.

are now higher. It is also claimed that hot

private homes.

refuse'.

control.

However, consumers are com-

plaining that when the bottom half is switched off,

the top half immediately

begins to heat up, and bills

water is not available when it is most needed—in the

began installing water heaters which can receive

early evening. The firm, Detroit Edison,

premises.

of a radio-controlled water

hope that present sweep will

For the same reason, scarcely a whisper of Costantino's death appeared in the capitalist press in the rest of Europe.

Tory education cuts

BIG CUT-BACKS in the Lancaster University's building programme have been announced by the vice-Chancellor, C. F. Carter.

In a report, which was discussed by the University Board of Senate at a conference in September referred to 'grave news about the building programme for the years 1972-1975'.

Carter says that the University Grants Council (UGC), which deals with all university building plans, is ' . . . under strong government pressure to reduce the overall cost of the programme, and, although some savings can be made by (for instance) not redistributing money saved when a university falls behind with its programme, they consider that projects not essen-tial for academic purposes will have to be sacrificed'.

Casualties

The vice-Chancellor's report lists as 'immediate casualties' of the cut-back:

• All new science and technology buildings, except a new Engineering block, and 'possibly a small extension for Environmental Sciences if the cost can be subtracted from money for Arts teaching areas'

• A projected student drama centre. • All Library extensions: and it is quite likely that it will be necessary to convert

some existing Library space to other uses'. Indoor recreation centre

extensions and swimming pool.

• A new college building.

Other cuts

Another likely casualty is the provision of study rooms for students not living on the campus.

At present, non-resident students, many of whom have



the '70s' group formed at Lancaster last term, that in a state of crisis, capitalism is determined to attack education at all levels, from kindergarten to university.

The Tories will pursue this attack with a vengeance. As the Lancaster vice-Chancellors' report states: 'A few months ago the UGC appeared willing to support the continued provision of studies provided the overall cost of the programme remained reasonable. This willingness has now faded.'

Loans

Cuts in buildings are only the beginning. The Tories are reported to be giving serious consideration to a measure which the last Labour Minister of Education suggested, then dropped — to replace student grants with loans.

If this measure is passed, it will, in effect, shut the gates of the university to the student from a working-class home.

Students now face the bill. The Tory attack on educa-tion throws a sharp light on the weaknesses of the student movement in this country. The Bradford conference of the National Union of Students (NUS) at Easter threw out any serious discussion of the need to fight the Tories and develop a socialist alterna-tive to Wilson. The development of a

Marxist leadership among stu-dents is urgently needed.

heater system has been filed in Detroit, USA, against an electrical supply company. New cash register The system controls supplies of electricity to water heaters in domestic can cut According to the magazine 'Electrical Review' this allowed the company to out jobs reduce consumption during

Radio control of

home appliances

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

AUTOMATIC tallying AN device for use in retail stores has been developed which can enable managements to cut staff and increase the work of those remaining.

Each item-say, in a supermarket—is fitted with a coded tag which indicates price, brand, etc.

The sales assistant at the cash desk passes a pen-shaped sensor over the tage which is automatically 'read'.

The information is passed to a cash register which incorporates a minicomputer. Prices of the items are added up by the machine

radio signals in early 1968. which issues a sales ticket. Now, more than a quarter of a million are fitted into The computer can also be programmed to make out sales Witnesses at a hearing on the system by the Michigan bills and audit records for accounting purposes and can pass all information to a Public Services Commission central data store for inventry claim that it constitutes an invasion of privacy to put control devices in a private

control. This system is expected to considerably increase the number of customers that can be handled by one pay desk home 'without giving the householder the right to so enabling a reduction in the

In Britain, recent reports number of staff required. indicate that the Plessey Company has developed a The sales assistant using the similar system, though this device is also required to pass the sensor across his or her own identification badge each

operates through telephone cables and not by radio time a customer's purchases The main emphasis has been have been listed. In this way the number of items checked by each on its use to monitor amounts of gas and electricity — to eliminate the assistant is known. Manageneed for meter readers — but it has also been adments claim that this will give them an accurate estimation mitted that the device could of the productivity level of be used to control supplies. each staff member.

etc. The university is likely now to abandon the attempt to provide these facilities, and to convert existing study rooms to teaching purposes. Taken together with the cut-back in library space, at a

time when the number of students is expected to double, this can only mean that the

tance from digs and flats, can rent these rooms — three or

four students to a room — in

books, conveniently near to

the lecture theatres, library,

which to study and keep their

students' academic work will be hit very harshly. Since Lancaster is a campus university, situated by a small town, the students are heavily

dependent on the university for both library and recreational facilities. In fact, facilities for young people in the Lancaster and

the university for recreation. That such projects as the 'umbrella' drama centre — which would also have catered

recreation centre are being cut-back is a serious matter.

All levels

These cuts, which are certain to be paralleled else-where, demonstrate the truth of the warnings made in Workers Press, and in leaflets issued by the 'Education in

for dances — and the indoor

Morecambe area are poor, and an increasing number of young workers also turn to

No dole for CAV strikers

PAGE FOUR

BY A CORRESPONDENT

EIGHTY labourers and storekeepers laid off for nearly six weeks at Lucas and CAV factories at Fazakerley, Liverpool, have still not received any unemployment benefit.

The area insurance officer of the Department of Employ-ment and Productivity (DEP) refused benefit because there are labourers and a store-keeper employed by the works engineers department at Fazakerley who are out on strike with the rest of the maintenance men in that department.

But the labourers and storekeepers who have been refused the benefit are employed by different departments under different conditions and were laid off by the management following the maintenance strike.

Get tough

The treatment of these workers is a clear expression of a get-tough policy on social service payments under a

An appeals tribunal last Tuesday decided that labourers and storekeepers in Lucas Industrial Equipment should

Unemployment benefit was refused for these 48 labourers because a fortnight ago, when the management sent for six labourers to come in to clean out the factory, the labourers decided that all must be taken back or none would go back.

Now the insurance officer has appealed against the tribunal decision and wants no dole paid to any store-keepers and labourers.

Unemployment benefit has still not been paid for the whole lay-off period.

Workers cannot obtain social security benefits be-cause they are classed as strikers by the Ministry of Social Security.



Whole of South end to go

LIVERPOOL port employers revealed this week a ruthless timetable of economies and redundancies to dock workers. If these are not immediately carried out, port chiefs have threatened to close the whole of Liverpool docks.

Obvious

docks and say you must ac-cept modernization and Devlin

already shown the way for

should be opened in Britain

'It argues that new ports

the employers.

The government has told the port employers that if public money is to be spent at Liverpool, all inefficient units must be closed and 'everyone and everything possible must be got rid of' by

December. The cuts involve: The closure of the South end of the docks consisting of over half Liverpool's seven miles of waterfront within three

years. Big redundancies in the Mersey Docks and Har-bour Board's (MDHB) direct labour force; 10 per cent of the board's staff will have to go and many ancil-lary workers like engineers boilermakers will be

hit. • The sale of vessels involved in dredging, caus-ing redundancies among

• Stringent economies in all sections all sections of dockland both sides of the Mersey. Employers claim that dockrs themselves will not be affected yet. But as portworkers' repre-sentatives who lobbied Liver-

planned elsewhere prospects

for re-employment in Liver-

pool cannot be bright.

pool MPs at the Labour Party Blackpool conference on Thursday pointed out, over 2,000 dockers are employed in Tory government. the South end of the port and with stringent economies

be paid their dole, but labourers in CAV should be refused.

Two factors Stewards are claiming that two factors lie behind the shock announcement. One is the deliberate run-down of dock facilities by the docks board-elected by ship-

Appealed

No change at Blackpool

FROM PAGE ONE

those from the mover, Conor O'Brien from Billericay Labour Party, who described people at the barricades as

Winding up the conference, Poplar 'left' MP Ian Mikardo who now becomes party chairman for the next yearsaid that the conference might yobbos and yahoos', to Dowhave turned out to be 'edgy, ley who, despite his call for nationalization of the banks, over-sensitive, short-tempered and contumacious', but had monopolies and land, made no demands for the withdrawal not do so.

Mikardo went on.

Alive?

themselves down and got ready to do a job of rebuild-

Mersey port bosses plan huge jobs cut-back..

From our industrial correspondent

owners. warehouse companies, with new docile docks labour and stevedoring firms-in the forces. What they want in expectation that nationaliza-Liverpool is to close all the tion of the ports would have old sections and build a conallowed redevelopment with tainerized roll-on-and-off port public money on the docks. at Seaforth in the North. The other factors, claim

'We as stewards demanded stewards, are the efforts by in the past that the docks Liverpool port bosses to force through Phase Two of the Devlin re-organization. board reveal their plans for the port's future.

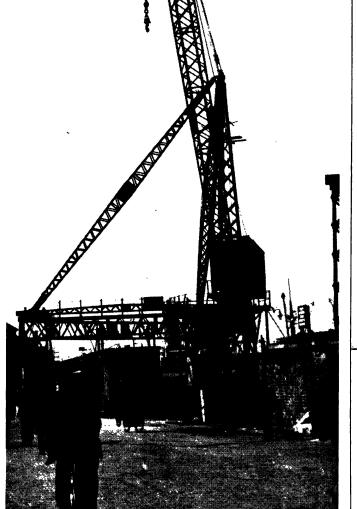
But they have refused to do this. They have been de-liberately keeping dock charges low because this benefits firms and shipping lines that dominate the board.

'It is obvious that what the employers want is to go to the workers on Liverpool 'What they were hoping was that nationalization would bring public funds to subsibecause the government are dize this area of docks operadon't the whole port will close,' Eddie Loyden, presi-dent of Liverpool Trades Council and an employee of the docks board, told me. tions, leaving the more lucrative aspects in private hands.' John Lenehan, AEF con-venor at the MDHB, told of the moves that had taken place between port chiefs and 'And I take their threat very seriously. The Rochdale report on British ports has the Tory government prior to the announcement of the cuts. 'After the election when it was clear that nationalization was a dead issue the board went to the government and requested permission to raise a £10 million loan on the markets.

'But after an independent accountant had reported to the government on the board's financial position, the government said that not only was the loan out of the question but that the financial position was so bad that there were not sufficient liquid assets even to pay existing interest charges. They added that a further loan would in fact break company law.

Intimation

'We met Robert Edwards, director general of the board. He informed us of their plans, and intimated that the whole of the docks might be closed



Face-saving 'nationalize' call by **Ceylon** CP

CEYLON'S pro-Moscow Communist Party is trying to save its face in the new coalition as the economic situation grows desperately worse and the government's reluctance to implement its promises increases.

Now that the euphoria has died down the Stalinists find themselves impotent hostages Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike's coalition government. They are pressing for mmediate radical measures, including a take-over of foreign banks and plantations, to solve the crisis.

NOT STAMPEDED But Mrs Bandaranaike's Lanka Freedom Party,

in

Busmen continue pay fight But only united national strike action can win CORPORATION bus crews in three cities

yesterday challenged union leaders' attempts to restrict nationwide action for a £20-a-week basic rate to bans on overtime, standing passengers and one-man-operated buses.

Busmen throughout Leeds staged their third successive Friday strike.

A lightning stoppage hit Derby following unsuccess-ful negotiations between the Transport and General Workers' Union, the Derby council's omnibus committee and corporation officials. Services on half the

routes in the twin towns of Brighton and Hove were also stopped — for the OVER A THIRD of the Communist Party Federation Committee members in the N Italian city of Bergamo have resigned to join the 'Manisecond time in a week. festo' group.

They include Eliseo Milani, one of the youngest Communist Party deputies in the Italian parliament.

Left-

wingers

leave

Italian CP

The 'Manifesto' group, formed by people expelled from the Communist Party last autumn for publishing their criticism of its reformist line and reliance on parlia-mentary manoeuvre, has since grown in strength.

Almost all its supporters have been expelled from, or have left, the Party.

While the leaders of the group denounce the present Party chiefs, they have made no fundamental break with Stalinism.

They claim the Party's par-liamentary policy in the im-mediate post-war years was correct — because it 'relied upon' instead of 'substituting for' the strength of the masses.

In fact, at this time, Togli-atti, on Stalin's instructions, handed Italy back to capital-ism although the employers state was near collapse.

Nonetheless, the resignations in Bergamo, and the very existence of the 'Manifesto' group, are the signs of an insoluble crisis within Italian Stalinism — driven to search for reformist, 'peaceful'

Habash

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plement pointed out how 'old revolutionary hands like the Algerian Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Bouteflika lec-tured Fatah on the need for real integration of all the commando groups into one body—if necessary by force. 'Bouteflika pointedly re-minded Arafat recently how the Algerian FLN ruthlessly exterminated its rivals during the war with France. But Arafat once explained to me Arafat once explained to me how much they wished to avoid "irresponsible violence". 'Other Fatah leaders have insisted, "This must be a humane revolution".' Arafat's 'humanity' has tied him inexorably to the Hashe-

mite feudalists, and must now favour a 'settlement' with Israel.

How he is going to carry out this pogrom against the 'left' is another question however. The left-wing is strongly entrenched in the North and has substantial support from China and Albania

Blessing

These counter-revolutionary moves have the blessing of Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, who told a rally in Azerbajan yesterday that he hoped Arab leaders would 'honourably carry on the cause of the

late president. 'We have tried to contribute in every way towards a final termination of the fratricidal struggle in Jordan and also to put an end to the annihilation of units of the Palestine resistance movement.'

A cease-fire agreement has been signed with Arafat's blessing between guerrillas and

Hussein's forces in the North Jordan town of Ramtha. Tunisian prime minister Bahi Ladgham, who returned with Hussein from Nasser's funeral yesterday, is supervising the 'restoration of order' on behalf of the Arab nationalist leaders.

He said yesterday that calm was complete in the capital and throughout the rest of

With the active agreement of all the bourgeois-nationalist Arab leaders and of the Soviet bureaucracy, and with the sympathetic connivance of world imperialism, the dis-credited Hussein is given the go-ahead to crush the revolutionary wing of the guerrillas. Arafat, with Stalinist back-ing, has begun the betrayal of the Palestine revolution.

One step

From coming to terms with Hussein over the bodies of Habash and Hawatmeh it is only a step to reaching 'peace' with Israel, perhaps on the basis of a rump Palestinian state on the West bank of the Jordan. The United States Senate

has just passed a massive £8,000 million arms budget which includes generous military aid to Israel.

Soviet leader Alex Kosygin told Egyptian leaders in Cairo that Soviet military aid

would continue despite Nasser's death. But the Soviet Union still wished to continue the search

resentatives compared with 91 won by the SLFP and 19 won by the Lanka Sama Samaja Party which forms the third constituent of the United Front government. The Stalinists have only two ministers in the 20-member cabinet. Pressure for swifter action on the economic front came in a statement issued by the Communist Party's central

No papers

again

unofficial overtime ban in sup-

port of their claim for a 40

The men, who are members of the Society of Graphical

per cent wage increase.

committee after a recent plenary meeting. Calling for nationalization

LOBBY Busmen employed by the Brighton, Hove and District Omnibus Company, which operates these routes, recently lobbied union leaders at the Trades Union Congress for tough official action against the Tory local council's refusal to grant their justified claim. Jordan.

Provincial busmen elsewhere yesterday continued to operate officially-backed sanctions in protest against the employers' Tory govern-ment-steeled refusal to discuss increasing their pay until the present national

One of the government's first actions in July was to tell the bus employers not to pay anything on the grounds that the last in-crease was less than 12 months away and to instruct them to 'take account of the national interest in their individual negotiations'.

INADEQUATE

WEATHER

Pressure will be high to the SW of Britain.

As Leeds busmen pointed out in voting for strike action three weeks ago, overtime bans like those now being operated in most towns are both inadequate

agreement runs out in March.

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Council workers there, who have been out on unofficial strike since Wednesday, gave a rough reception to a General and Municipal Workers official's plaint that he had received no reply to his request for official backing. 'Use a telephone!', they shouted. '24 hours' notice!'

And the Bristol workers' stoppage only began in the teeth of strong opposition to a total stoppage from the union chiefs. They had attempted to

divide them by saying that only the city engineers and the workers sewage-disposal would receive official backing. But the meeting rejected this.

Applause

From the first cry for an all-out strike, applause and foot stamping shook the hall. 'You've always told us you were as strong as we make you', shouted one militant at Common Market and a reducthe officials. 'Now we want you to prove that.' tion in company taxes to help the world. And in London, Lambeth council workers-meeting yesterday morning — gave a hostile reception to union officials who claimed that the survival. unions had insufficient funds for an all-out strike.

The Lambeth men had earlier marched through S London to the meeting.



MERCENARY OFFER

'Mad Mike' Hoare, the Congo mercenary colonel, has offered 5.000-man force to the Thailand government for use against communist guerrillas, a Defence Ministry source revealed in Bangkok yesterday. The offer has been turned down

ASTURIAN SUSPENSIONS

Two thousand miners in the Asturian coalfied in Spain are on strike against suspensions imposed on 4,000 of their comrades who struck on two days of last week against inadequate safety equipment underground.

HI-JACK LEGISATION

The West German Bundesrat (upper house) vesterday approved a Bill providing for sentences of up to life imprisonment for air piracy.

of British troops. It is perhaps one of the best indications of the bankruptcy

Cynics might add that it of the week's debate that both the right and 'left' wings might also have turned out to be alive, but had not done so. of conference could only back 'It is one of the characteraway from the bitter struggles of Ulster's workers. istics of our great movement that we are not cocky in vic-tory or sullen in defeat,'

Another

doomwatch warning

IN THE last 12 years British industry has lost almost half of its share in world trade and it could be out of the 'race' in the 1970s if the trend continues.

This reminder of the backward and declining state of British capitalism was given yesterday by Mr Fred Catherwood, Director General of the National Economic Development Office. He proposed a four-point plan stressing the need for

hide our views behind the cloak of an advertising agent's smart-alec image. 'Let us win our elections, not on the so-called respectability of the middle ground, but on the unashamed, nay

added :

proud, propagation of our principles and faith.' the employers to join the

Heard before

We have heard all this before.

them compete with the rest of Some delegates left the con-Growth, he said, was not ference still expressing the hope—albeit without much conviction—that Wednesday's high wages or the strength of sterling, but a question of executive overturn on confer-In the 1960s our growth ence decisions would restrict party leaders' long-standing rate was 2.7 per cent. None of our major competitors had a contempt of them. growth rate of less than 4 per But the reaction of the

latter to Thursday's narrow DISCUSSION on the probdefeat for a motion expressing lems of the ship-repair support for an incomes policy industry in Britain held -that, as Shadow Chancellor recently by the Ship-Building and Ship-Repairing Roy Jenkins put it, they would 'have to come back to this'-Council makes it quite clear was already giving rise to

that the employers see their further doubts. only solution as further attacks on jobs. And in his reply to the conference decisions debate, party boss Harold Wilson blandly informed delegates that they is certainly in a state of had already decided the issues crisis. raised in it by their unaniand types of ships, new technological developments mous endorsement of the executive's 'Building a Socialwhich reduce the need for ist Britain' statement. It was the party manifesto frequent dry-docking and

-drawn up solely by the executive — which 'lays down fierce competition from the pattern for a Labour government', he said.

tronics Ltd on the Western Avenue, Acton, London have has been of the closure of been told that 15 per cent of the 1,050-strong labour force the yard at Hebburn, Tyneside, resulting in the sacking of 750 workers. be made redundant in the next three months.

if they were not carried out. 'His deputy Frank Monday openly admitted that press speculation of immediate re-dundancies of 200 was "a very, very conservative estimate indeed"

'They say that dockers are not to be affected, but where are the 2,000 workers at South end going, if there are going to be cutbacks through-Delegates had picked themout the port? selves up off the floor, dusted

Nonsense

'They say the strike record Recalling that in 1944 the of Liverpool docks has caused this. This is nonsense. It is party rewrote its election manifesto-to include public due to the cynical way that the ownership-and went on to docks board have deliberately win a great victory, Mikardo held down dock charges.' Now the representatives of the ancillary workers, who 'Let us not be too timid in lobbied at conference, plan to declaring our convictions and

call a meeting involving all sections of Liverpool and Birkenhead dock employees to work out a campaign of action. 'This announcement has been so sudden we are not

clear what we will do yet. switch. But dock workers and the Liverpool Trades Council will meet as soon as possible on this issue,' said Eddie Loyden.

The ship-repair industry

Changes in the numbers

Palmer's

The most recent example

Palmer's ship-repair

dominant partner in the foreign interests and a coalition, shows no signs of take-over of Lake House, the being stampeded into any biggest newspaper group in drastic new moves. Ceylon, the Stalinists said the The government has not financial and economic crisis could only be met by radical

yet implemented all the economic reforms promised in measures against the 'imperialthe election manifesto on ist and big capitalist monowhich the United Front swept polies'. to power last May-it is very

doubtful that it ever will. The manifesto promised nationalization of banks, state control of the export and import trade, and the setting up of agencies to 'guide' plantations. But it made no specific commitment to nationalize foreign banks or plantations. In neighbouring India, the government nationalized In dian-owned banks but found that to take over foreign banks would hamper foreign trade, and Mrs Bandaranaike's government is expected to

make the same assessment. **TOO WEAK** The Stalinists are in any

and Allied Trades, have been pressed by their leaders to accept the wholesalers' offer case too weak in the government to force a major policy of a 10 to 12 per cent in-They won only six seats in crease with further talks on the 151-member House of Repwages and conditions.

... similar prospects in ship repair industry

the total labour force in the

industry is down from 33,000-35,000 in 1959-1961

to 24,000-26,000 in 1966-

1968 (a reduction of more than 25 per cent).

The Council calls for

government aid to the in-

dustry. However. it is made

quite clear that this would

go towards mergers of the

ship-repair firms and the extension of productivity

The report states that 'both sides agree to bene-

unions have expressed a

general willingness to en-

courage local productivity agreements which provide

for changes in working

practice, on the basis of

security of employment

without planned contraction

of the permanent labour

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came in at Palmer's was not

apparently discussed.

Where the guaranteed

It also notes that 'The

schemes everywhere.

ficial merging'.

force'.

In any case, the report adds about the union The Ship-Repair Council's report to the Minister of Technology estimates that leaders:

'They recognize, however, that the work available to individual and repair concerns will vary and cannot be predicted, and that security of employment and fall-back pay cannot extend to every man who may be needed to cope with peak demand.'

The union leaders then can be relied upon to recognize the need for sackings when productivity deals enable more work to be done by fewer workers.

No notion In the face of attacks on conditions and jobs the union leaders do not have the first notion of putting forward a socialist policy of nationalization under workers' control with an end to all speed-up and

sacking plans. Instead they are only interested in helping capitalism out of a jam, at whatever cost to the work ing class.

solutions to ever-sharpening class confrontations.

THOUSANDS of trade unionists throughout Italy staged a ties by cutting their wage two-hour general strike yesterand fuel bills without much day in support of their camaffecting their revenue. paign for wide-ranging social and economic reforms.

The strike was called by the Stalinist trade union federation.

of Britain. In southern and E England and S Wales, there will be scattered showers and sunny periods. Elsewhere, showers will be fairly frequent and, at times, heavy. But there will be bright or sunny in-tervals. But workers belonging to the Socialist and Roman Catholic trade union federations were instructed not to tervals. There will be strong NW winds take part in the strikes which THERE WERE no newspapers their federations considered In the north. It will be rather cold over much of Scotland. Elsewhere, tempera-tures will be only a little below unnecessary in view of profor two million Londoners gress being made in talks with yesterday as warehouse packers the government on reforms. and drivers continued their

Chile right-wing to block Allende

LEADERS OF the Chilean Christian Democratic Party have raised objections to voting for Salvador Allende, left-wing candidate who topped the poll in the Septem-ber 4 presidential elections.

Allende had a narrow lead over Allessandri, an anticommunist right-winger, and the Christian Democrat Tomic was third.

Since no candidate got an absolute majority, the constitution requires that parliament should decide between Allende and Allessandri.

It votes on November 4 with the Christian Democrats holding the balance.

Normally such votes are a formality, with parliament en-dorsing the candidate with most votes. But the Christian Democrats are now unmistakably seeking to block Allende.

His victory, which ended Christian Democratic president Frei's six years in office was a result of workers' and peasants' opposition to the 'liberal' regime and its broken reform promises. Allende, a Socialist, stood

in the name of the Popular Alliance, an electoral front of Socialists, Stalinists and Radicals.

He stood on a policy of land reform and the nationalization of banks and big industry, including major foreign investments.

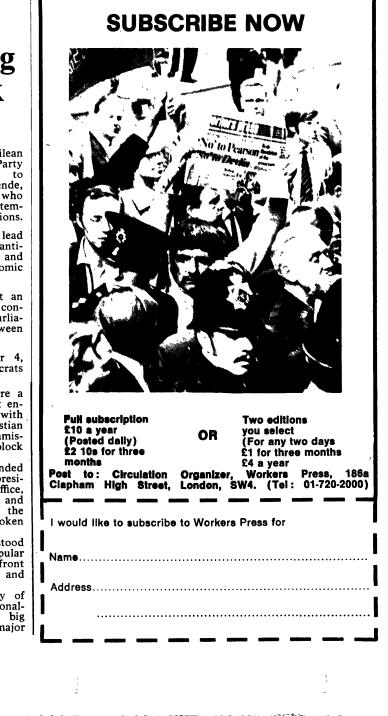
for a neaceful solution in the Middle East, he said. to meet this Tory attack and — in some cases — actually assist the authori-

His statement was echoed by interim Egyptian premier Anwar El Sadat, who told an Italian journalist in an interview two days before Nasser's death:

'Peace must be concluded as soon as possible through the Jarring mission.' The development of revolu-

tionary, Trotskyist leadership to lead the Arab working class against imperialism. Zionism and the Arab bourgeoisie is now the only way to meet the very real dangers in front of the Palestinian revolution.

British workers must stand solidly against any attempt to crush the revolution.



JAIL RIOT Rioting prisoners — led by three members of the Black Panther Party-took over several floors of the Queen's County prison in New York yesterday morning to protest against their living conditions and treatment in Jail.

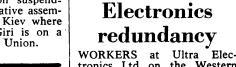
TAKE-OVER SIGNED Uttar Pradesh, the most populous Indian state, was placed under presidential rule from

New Delhi yesterday following the break-up of the state's coalition government last week The proclamation suspend-

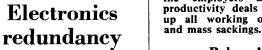
cent, he said.

ing the state legislative assembly was signed in Kiev where president V. V. Giri is on a visit to the Soviet Union.

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European yards have all contributed to the run-down of the ship-repair industry in Britain. The answer to this from the employers has been productivity deals to speed up all working operations